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Attention Provider Type 17 (Special Clinics) Specialties 171 (Methadone Clinic) and 215 (Substance Abuse Agency Model):

Guidance Regarding DEA Final Rule for Mobile Methadone Units

On June 28, 2021, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) published a final rule that revised existing regulations for narcotic treatment programs (NTPs), also known as methadone clinics, to allow the operation of a mobile component associated with a DEA-registered NTP to be considered a coincident activity permitted under the NTP's registration. Based on these revisions, NTP registrants that operate or wish to operate mobile components (in the State in which the registrant is registered) to dispense narcotic drugs in schedules II-V at remote location(s) for the purpose of maintenance or detoxification treatment do not need a separate registration for such mobile component.

This final rule waives the requirement of a separate registration at each principal place of business or professional practice where controlled substances are dispensed for those NTPs with mobile components that fully comply with the requirements of this rule.

These revisions to the regulations are intended to make maintenance or detoxification treatments more widely available, while ensuring that safeguards are in place to reduce the likelihood of diversion. This final rule was effective July 28, 2021: [Federal Register: Registration Requirements for Narcotic Treatment Programs With Mobile Components](#)

Providers who are using a mobile component will need to bill with the Place of Service code 15 to indicate that the service was provided through a mobile unit.

Please direct questions to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) email inbox at BehavioralHealth@dncfp.nv.gov.